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BITTER SQUABBLE OF 'CRASHED-SAUCERITES' REVEALS FAULTY MEMORIES OF KEY WITNESSES ON WHICH THEIR CRASHED SAUCER CLAIMS DEPEND.

Charges and counter-charges are becoming more acrimonious between <u>William L. Moore</u>, who co-authored the first book ("The Roswell Incident") claiming the U.S. government recovered a crashed saucer and alien bodies in 1947 near Corona, N.M. and his partner <u>Jaime Shandera</u>, and <u>Kevin Randle</u> and <u>Don Schmitt</u>, whose new book "Roswell" is due out shortly.

Moore, Shandera, Randle and Schmitt agree that the government recovered a crashed saucer in New Mexico in early July, 1947. But Moore/Shandera and Randle/Schmitt offer sharply conflicting verbatim accounts of recollections of the SAME key witnesses.

The Battle Royal is being fought in the pages of the <u>MUFON UFO Journal</u>, the <u>International UFO Reporter (IUR)</u>, published by the Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), and in Moore's quarterly publication <u>FOCUS</u>. Not surprisingly, <u>FOCUS</u> offers its readers only the Moore | Shandera side of the controversy while <u>IUR</u> has so far offered its readers only the Randle | Schmitt side of the controversy, possibly because Schmitt is a CUFOS official and CUFOS sponsored the Randle | Schmitt expedition to New Mexico to search for crashed saucer artifacts. [See <u>SUN</u> #2] <u>MUFON Journal</u> has provided space to both camps.

THE CONTROVERSY HAS SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW FRAGILE AND UNCERTAIN ARE THE 40+ YEAR OLD RECOLLECTIONS OF SURVIVING PRINCIPALS.-which is hardly surprising.

Nobody challenges the fact that Maj. Jesse Marcel, stationed at the Roswell Army Air Force base, visited the ranch of Mac Brazel to recover the debris he had earlier reported finding. Or that on July 8, Marcel flew the debris to 8th Air Force headquarters in Ft. Worth for examination by its commanding officer; Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey. Ramey's chief of staff was Col. Thomas J. DuBose, one of the few surviving principals who is now 89 years old.

Seven different photos have now been located which were taken in Gen. Ramey's office on the late afternoon/early evening of July 8, 1947, and two of them show Ramey and Col. Dubose examining debris. All of the photos show the same debris. MOORE/SHANDERA CLAIM THIS IS THE SAME DEBRIS RECOVERED BY MARCEL FROM THE BRAZEL RANCH AND THAT THE PHOTOS SHOW THE REMAINS OF A CRASHED SAUCER. RANDLE/SCHMITT DISAGREE AND SAY THE PHOTOS SHOW THE REMAINS OF A BALLOON-BORNE RADAR TRACKING DEVICE WHICH GEN. RAMEY SUBSTITUTED FOR THE AUTHENTIC DEBRIS.

THE FACT THAT ALL SEVEN PHOTOS TAKEN IN RAMEY'S OFFICE SHOW THE SAME DEBRIS CHALLENGES THE CREDIBILITY OF MAJ. JESSE MARCEL'S 30+ YEAR OLD RECOLLECTIONS WHICH FORM THE CORNERSTONE OF THE ROSWELL CRASHED SAUCER MYTH, AT LEAST FOR MOORE, FRIEDMAN AND SHANDERA.

According to Moore's book, when Marcel (now deceased) was interviewed in the late 1970s, he said that "one photo [taken in Ramey's office showing Marcel examining the debris] was pieces of the actual stuff we found [on Brazel ranch]. It was not a staged photo. Later, they cleared out our wreckage and substituted some of their own. Then they allowed more photos." YET ALL OF THE PHOTOS TAKEN IN RAMEY'S OFFICE ON JULY 8, 1947, INCLUDING TWO (NOT ONE) WITH MARCEL, CLEARLY SHOW THE SAME DEBRIS.

Beyond any doubt, Randle | Schmitt are correct as to what the debris is in the Ramey office photos. It is crash-damaged material from a balloon-borne radar target--as Gen. Ramey announced--probably a hexagonal-type corner reflector. In that era, such devices were constructed from balsa-wood sticks and stiffened paper to which aluminum foil was laminated | glued to reflect radar energy. Pro-UFOlogist Joe Kirk Thomas, after carefully studying the Ramey office photos, reported in the Jan. 1991 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal that the sheet-like materials were metal-foil-laminated paper. Thomas characterized the Moore | Shandera claim that the debris was the debris from a crashed ET craft as "absurd."

SO THE CRUCIAL QUESTION IS WHETHER THE PHOTOS SHOW THE ORIGINAL DEBRIS RECOVERED BY MARCEL FROM THE BRAZEL RANCH OR BOGUS MATERIAL SUBSTITUTED BY GEN. RAMEY, PRESUMABLY WITH THE KNOWLEDGE (AND COLLABORATION) OF HIS CHIEF OF STAFF--COL. DUBOSE.

In the Dec. 1990 issue of <u>FOCUS</u>, Shandera's article includes what he says are <u>verbatim</u> quotes from two interviews with DuBose-one by telephone and one in person when he recently visited DuBose at his home in Florida. After asking DuBose if he had read the Moore/Shandera articles that Shandera had earlier sent him, and if he had "studied the [Ramey office] pictures, DuBose reportedly replied: "Yes, and I studied the pictures very carefully." When Shandera asked if DuBose recognized the material, DuBose reportedly replied: "Oh yes. That's the material that Marcel brought in to Ft. Worth from Roswell."

But Randle and Schmitt got a conflicting response when DuBose was interviewed earlier-on Aug. 10, 1990. The interview was video-taped and hypnosis was used to try to enhance DuBose's 40+ year old recollections. In this interview, DuBose said that the material photographed in Ramey's office was NOT the debris that Marcel brought, i.e. that bogus material had been substituted. But then when Shandera visited DuBose and asked him if there had been a switch, DuBose reportedly replied: "Oh, bull! That material was never switched."

After reading Shandera's account in <u>FOCUS</u>, Schmitt recently revisited DuBose at his home and tape recorded the interview. When he asked DuBose if he had seen "the actual debris" brought by Marcel, DuBose replied: "Never." He claimed the real debris was contained in a plastic bag which was "tied with a wire seal around the top" which was flown to Washington D.C. in a B-25 or B-26. (Marcel, interviewed in the late 1970s, recalled the debris was flown to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, in a B-29.)

One indication of the 89-year old DuBose's flawed memory is that when Schmitt asked DuBose if Shandera had visited his home a few months earlier to interview him, DuBose said Shandera had not. But when Schmitt asked Mrs. DuBose, she confirmed that Shandera had indeed visited their house for an interview.

THUS, WHILE MOORE/SHANDERA DEBATE WITH RANDLE/SCHMITT OVER WHICH OF DUBOSE'S RECOLLECTIONS OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO IS CORRECT, DUBOSE DEMONSTRATED FOR SCHMITT THAT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE VISIT AND INTERVIEW BY SHANDERA WHICH HAD OCCURRED ONLY A FEW MONTHS EARLIER.

Randle | Schmitt managed to locate and interview the reporter for the Ft. Worth Star Telegram -- J. Bond Johnson - who had taken at least several of the photos in Ramey's office. According to their taped interview, Johnson said he then doubted that he had photographed the authentic recovered debris. But several months later, when Johnson was interviewed by Shandera, he changed his account and said that he was confident that his photos did show the actual debris that Marcel had brought to Ft. Worth.

There is hard evidence dating back to July 8, 1947, to show that the debris in the photos WAS the material recovered on the Brazel ranch. Its appearance resembles the description of the debris offered by Brazel himself in an interview given on the late afternoon of July 8, 1947, in the offices of the Roswell Daily Record and published the next day. Brazel was being interviewed by the newspaper at roughly the same time as the photos were taken in Ramey's office—several hundred miles away. Brazel had no way of knowing what was being photographed on the floor of Ramey's office.

As reported in the July 9, 1947, edition of the Roswell newspaper, Brazel was quoted as saying "when the debris was gathered up the tinfoil, paper, tape, and sticks made a bundle about three feet long and 7 or 8 inches thick, while the rubber made a bundle about 18 or 20 inches long and about 8 inches thick. In all, he estimated, the entire lot would have weighed maybe five pounds." Brazel was quoted as saying there was "considerable Scotch tape and some tape with flowers had been used in the construction. No strings or wire were to be found but there were some eyelets in the paper to indicate that some sort of attachment may have been used." (Curious construction techniques for a very advanced ET society to use in building spacecraft intended to traverse jillions of miles.)

IF, AS RANDLE AND SCHMITT CLAIM, THE DEBRIS PHOTOGRAPHED IN FT. WORTH WAS BOGUS, HOW WOULD RAMEY (WHO NEVER TALKED TO BRAZEL) KNOW WHAT KIND OF BOGUS MATERIAL TO USE TO REPLICATE THE DESCRIPTION THAT BRAZEL WOULD GIVE TO THE ROSWELL NEWSPAPER? AND HOW WOULD RAMEY BE ABLE TO FIND AND OBTAIN SUCH "LOOK-ALIKE" MATERIAL SO QUICKLY??

SUN #8's question asking where were the "psychics" who allegedly have demonstrated to Pentagon officials their ability to locate submerged Soviet submarines when we needed them to locate Iraq's mobile SCUD launchers prompted responses from two readers:

- * Marcello Truzzi called attention to what he characterized as a "not-yet discredited story" in the Feb. 5 issue of the tabloid National Examiner, which claimed that the U.S. had used "psychics" to locate mobile SCUD launchers. Truzzi, who is a professor of sociology at Eastern Michigan University, has been characterized by FATE magazine as a "true skeptic" -- as distinguished from a CSICOP-type skeptic. In response to our question as to why Israeli "psychic" Uri Geller had not volunteered to help pinpoint the Scud launchers, Truzzi cited a newspaper report that Geller had returned to Israel "shortly after the first Scud hit Israel."
- * George Earley, long-time "somewhat pro-UFOlogist," offered tongue-in-cheek suggestion that perhaps Geller did use his powers "to divert the Scuds from their intended targets and into the path of the Patriot missiles." How sad that the Raytheon / Martin Marietta missile system and their Army crews are getting all the credit. Life is so unfair.

We're pleased to report that circulation of <u>Skeptics UFO Newsletter</u> has now hit <u>1,000,135</u>. A breakdown shows that 61 are private subscribers and another 75 are distributed by CSICOP to local, regional and overseas skeptics' groups. The remaining <u>999,999</u> copies are purchased by the General Services Administration for an "undisclosed government agency."

This agency is believed torbe the <u>Department of Agriculture</u> which, reportedly, is investigating the possible relationship between UFOs and "crop circles" in the U.K. <u>IF UFOs are responsible for producing crop circles</u>, some Agriculture Dept. of ficials reportedly hope that UFOs might be used to harvest U.S. crops. But they worry whether the staid <u>Immigration and Naturalization Service</u> would agree to admit ETs even to fill the "migratory worker gap."

TURN-ABOUT IS FAIR (OR FOUL) PLAY:

When Stanton Friedman broke off his decade long crashed-saucer partnership with William Moore, he distributed copies of his letter blasting Moore and Shandera for their criticism of Randle/Schmitt. [See SUN #6] The most recent (Dec. 1990) issue of FOCUS offers a rejoinder, by Shandera. It consists of a verbatim transcript of major portions of a telephone conversation between Shandera and Don Schmitt, which occurred on June 20, 1990, when Schmitt was visiting California.

During the lengthy telephone conversation, Shandera charged that Friedman "lied to us about his involvement in setting up 'Unsolved (Mysteries)'" TV show in which Friedman appeared but Moore was not invited. Shandera charged that Friedman "wanted all the credit for himself." Because the Shandera article contained so much verbatim dialogue, including his own, both Schmitt and I suspected Shandera had tape recorded the conversation. Such action, without the other party's knowledge, constitutes a Felony in California where the conversation occurred.

Not surprisingly, Shandera in a letter dated Mar. 21, has flatly denied he taped the telephone conversation with Schmitt. Shandera CLAIMS that the lengthy verbatim transcript was based on "a set of handwritten notes which [he] meticulously took down during the conversation."

I challenged Shandera's claim in my reply of March 25, and offered him a chance to win \$1,000 of my money if he could demonstrate his claimed verbatim note-taking ability under controlled conditions. I proposed to bring to California a tape recording of a telephone conversation with Schmitt, which I had recorded with his permission. Shandera would play the tape once on a recorder of his own choice and take "handwritten notes." In my presence he would use those notes to prepare a transcript, which would then be compared to the tape recording.

MY LETTER TO SHANDERA SAID: "IF 90% OR MORE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WORDS UTTERED BY SCHMITT AND BY ME APPEAR IN YOUR TRANSCRIPT AND ARE CORRECT, I WILL PAY YOU \$1,000. BUT IF MORE THAN 10% OF THE WORDS ARE INCORRECT OR ARE MISSING/OMITTED, THEN YOU WILL PAY ME \$1,000."

Shandera responded on March 29, rejecting my challenge and characterizing it as "silly games."

I replied on April 5, pointing out that my challenge was an opportunity for him to demonstrate the ability he claimed--and win \$1,000 if he could do so. TO ENCOURAGE SHANDERA, I MODIFIED MY CHALLENGE SO HE WOULD STILL WIN \$1,000 IF HE COULD DEMONSTRATE HIS CLAIMED ABILITY. BUT IF HE FAILED, HE WOULD NOT NEED TO PAY ME ANYTHING. It was a "heads he wins; tails I lose" offer. WILL HE ACCEPT MY GENEROUS OFFER? WILL THE SUN RISE IN THE WEST?

JUSTICE DEPT. CHALLENGES SUN'S RATE STRUCTURE:

U.S. Justice Dept. has notified Skeptics UFO Newsletter that its previous policy of charging "UFO-Believers" \$15,000,000 for an annual subscription and only \$15 to "UFO-Skeptics" is in violation of the Robinson-Patman Act and represents "discrimination against the <u>disadvantaged</u>." Out of respect for the Law, the annual subscription rate for <u>SUN</u> will henceforth be \$15/year regardless of a subscriber's UFOlogical beliefs. <u>SUN</u> will promptly refund \$14,999,985 to those who preferred to pay the higher rate rather than admit (or falsely claim) they were "UFO-Skeptics."

BRUCE MACCABEE, DAN WRIGHT AND WALT ANDRUS PROVE THAT P.T. BARNUM WAS CORRECT: YOU CAN FOOL SOME OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME.

When the small UFO-model resembling the "UFO" in Ed Walters early photos was discovered hidden in the garage attic of his former residence and its midsection proved to have been fabricated from a diagonal strip cut from an 18 x 24 in. preliminary house-on-site sketch that Walters had made, Ed had a ready answer. He claimed the this sketch was one he had made for Mr./Mrs. Lynn. Thomas on Sept 6/7, 1989--nearly two years after his first UFO photos were made public. [See SUN #5.]

Ed claimed he had discarded the Thomas house-on-site sketch in September, 1989, that it was stolen from his garbage by unnamed "debunkers" who had used it to build the small UFO-model which they then hid in the attic of his former residence. Ed's explanation was endorsed by MUFON's director, Walt Andrus, and by Bruce Maccabee, who heads the Fund for UFO Research. More recently, Ed's explanation has won the endorsement of Dan Wright, MUFON's deputy director for investigations.

Earlier I challenged Ed's explanation because the UFO-model sketch showed the house was to be built at 712 Jamestown Drive--where Ed had built a house in early 1987, several months before he made public his UFO photos. However, the Thomas house (if it had been built), would have fronted on Shoreline Drive, not Jamestown. [See SUN #6.] Furthermore, Mr./Mrs. Thomas wanted a house with a "Senergy" (stucco-like) exterior and the UFO-model drawing showed the house would have a "BRICK" exterior.

When Walters offered far-fetched explanations for these "anomalies," Maccabee accepted them as readily as he had earlier accepted Ed's offer to pay him \$20,000 to write one chapter for the Ed/Frances Walters Gulf Breeze UFO book.

The UFO-model strip sketch shows that the house would have a Living Area of 1740 sq. ft.) and a total concrete Slab Area of 2393 sq. ft. (which includes the living area, garage, porch, etc.) On July 6, 1990, Walters issued a press release containing a copy of a small (8.5 x 11 in.) detailed house plan which seemingly was a photocopy of one he had prepared for the Thomas family on Sept. 6-7, 1989, and given to them to take back to Michigan. At the lower right of this drawing [shown on p. 7] can be seen "1740 LA" and along the extreme right edge was scribbled "2393" which Ed claimed was the Slab Area for the Thomas house plan.

Walters claimed that because 1740 sq. ft. Living Area of the UFO-model house-on-site sketch matched that of the detailed Thomas house plan, and because the Slab Areas were identical, this <u>proved</u> that the large house-on-lot sketch he had made for Thomas in Sept. 1989 (but which Ed retained) was the one used in the UFO-model.

BUT GROWING EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE SMALL DETAILED THOMAS HOUSE PLAN THAT WALTERS MADE PUBLIC IN JULY 1990 MAY BE A "SLIGHTLY DOCTORED" VERSION OF THE "ORIGINAL" THAT HE BORROWED FROM MR./MRS. THOMAS SHORTLY AFTER THE UFO-MODEL DISCOVERY WAS MADE PUBLIC.

The "original" detailed house plan which Walters borrowed from Mr./Mrs. Thomas shortly after the UFO-model was discovered was never returned to them. Instead Ed sent them a photocopy. (Mrs. Thomas had jotted down the lot dimensions on the backside of their original. These dimensions were not on the copy Ed returned to them.)

Near the top of p. 7 is an accurate reproduction of a portion of the preliminary house-on-site sketch used in the UFO-model strip. It shows external walls of the house and their

dimensions. Below it is shown the Thomas detailed house plan made public by Walters. (Both have been reduced by roughly one-third to fit on the same page.) Where Ed failed to show dimensions on the detailed Thomas house plan, I've added them and several other items of interest using a typewriter to distinguish my additions from Ed's hand-printed originals.

In the Lynn Thomas letter of June 13, 1990, reproduced in the Walters press release of July 6, 1990, Thomas recalled that "The house was to face Shoreline [Drive]. The entrance to the garage was off Jamestown [Drive]." Examination of the detailed Thomas house plan confirms that the garage entrance is PERPENDICULAR to the long-dimension of the house. But examination of the UFO-modelsketch shows that the entrance to its garage is PARALLEL TO THE LONG DIMENSION OF THE HOUSE. (By a not-so-curious coincidence, the same is true for the house that Walters built for the Folkers at 712 Jamestown Drive in early 1987.)

Note the very unostentatious annotation "CUT 2" at upper left of Thomas house plan. By slashing 2 ft. off this segment of the house, Walters eliminated the space needed for the shower-tub in the modest-sized guest bedroom--making it into a 1/2 bath when the Thomas family had requested TWO FULL baths.

IF Walters had decided to reduce the Living Area by 4% (64 sq. ft.) BEFORE he showed the house plan to Mr./Mrs. Thomas on Sept. 7, 1989, THE ONLY POSSIBLE REASON WOULD BE TO KEEP THE PRICE UNDER THEIR \$100,000 TARGET FIGURE. IF SO, SURELY WALTERS WOULD HAVE TOLD THEM HE COULD NOT PROVIDE THE TWO FULL BATHROOMS THEY WANTED UNLESS THEY WERE PREPARED TO PAY A LITTLE MORE. YET WALTERS NEVER MENTIONED THIS KEY ISSUE, ACCORDING TO THOMAS.

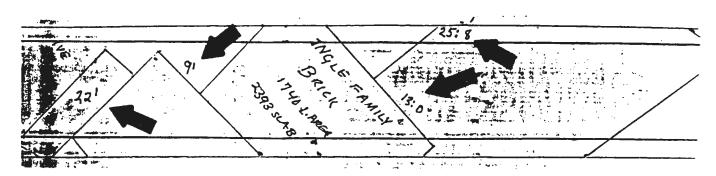
HOWEVER, IF ED ADDED THE "CUT 2" AFTER HE BORROWED THE ORIGINAL THOMAS DRAWING, USING THE UNOSTENTATIOUS "CUT 2" ANNOTATION, HE COULD REDUCE THE LIVING AREA FROM 1804 SQ. FT. TO 1740 SQ. FT. TO MATCH THE FIGURE IN THE UFO-MODEL. THIS ALSO ASSURED THAT TWO OF THE FOUR WALL DIMENSIONS VISIBLE ON THE UFO-MODEL SKETCH (22' AND 9') WOULD MATCH UP WITH DIMENSIONS ON THE THOMAS HOUSE PLAN, EVEN IF THE OTHERS DID NOT.

Mr. Thomas told me that he and his wife did not study the detailed house plan because they very much liked a house that Walters already had built--which they took an option to buy shortly afterwards--subject to selling their home in Michigan. Thomas does not remember seeing the 2-ft. cut annotation on the original drawing. But he believes he recalls seeing the "22" dimension (which would result from the 2 ft. cut). However, Thomas admits that such details seemed unimportant at the time and that more than a year has elapsed since the event.

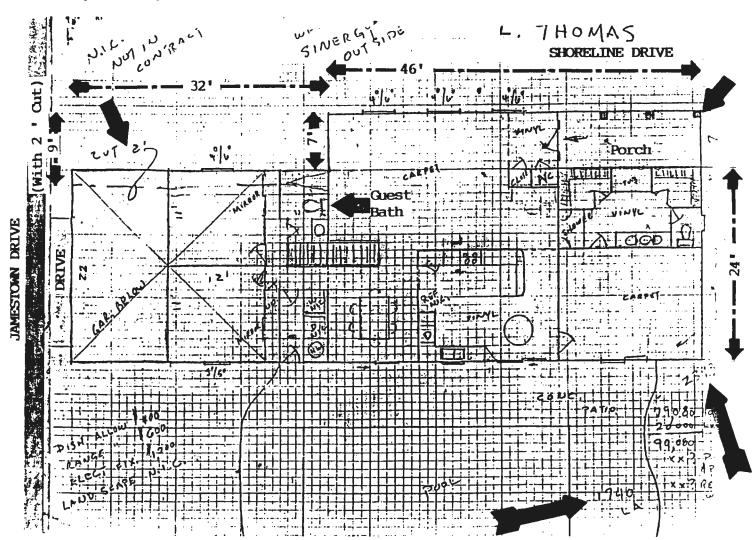
My own calculations also revealed a <u>significant discrepancy</u> in the Slab Area for the split-level Thomas house. The <u>2,393</u> sq. ft. figure failed to include the Slab Area needed to provide a concrete support for the stairs going downstairs to the garage and to support walls to protect the stairs from the elements. When I consulted Mr. Thomas on this discrepancy, he in turn consulted Ed Walters whose explanation indicated that the stairs would rest on a concrete slab but <u>Ed opted not to include this concrete slab</u> in his Slab Area calculation.

In responding to my query to Thomas, Walters discovered that even when he opted not to include the concrete slab needed to support the stairs and enclosing walls, the Slab Area totalled 2,394 not 2,393 sq. ft.--ONE SQUARE FOOT TOO LARGE. But Ed is ingenious. The front porch (upper right corner of the drawing) showed three 1-sq.ft. support posts (three identical black squares on the drawing) resting ON the concrete slab to support the porch roof. Ed retroactively decided there was supposed to be a 1-sq.ft. hole in the slab so ONE support

would go THROUGH THIS HOLE. THIS ENABLED ED TO CUT SLAB AREA TO 2393 SQ.FT. While Ed retroactively deducts this 1-sq.ft. hole, he convenientaly forgets to deduct the 6 x 3 ft. hole in the same main floor slab needed to provide access to the stairs to the garage. HARDLY SURPRISING BECAUSE THIS WOULD REDUCE THE SLAB AREA TO 2375 SQ. FT., WHICH THEN WOULD NOT MATCH THE 2393 FIGURE IN THE UFO-MODEL SKETCH!



Reproduction of portion of Walters house-on-site sketch used for UFO-model mid-section.



Thomas detailed house plan contained in Ed Walters July 6, 1990, press release. Wall dimensions shown with typed numbers were added by SUN to facilitate comparison with wall dimensions in UFO-model sketch.

When I pointed out these discrepancies to Maccabee in my letters of Mar. 7 and Mar. 16, he turned to Walters for an explanation. Maccabee's reply of Mar. 22 offered the following explanation: "For the purposes of price estimation, the term 'slab area' does <u>not</u> mean just the area where there is a concrete slab. How Ed arrived at the [2,393] number is a straightforward calculation for him, even though it may seem strange to you (and me)." (Emphasis added.)

I think I've figured out the "Ed Walters formula" for computing Slab Area. Slab Area = (Width)(Length)(V). Where V is a variable whose value makes S.A. = 2393.

KECKSBURG, PA.--ANOTHER ROSEWELL CRASHED-SAUCER RECOVERY?

Feature story in the Feb. issue of the MUFON UFO Journal is titled: "The Kecksburg UFO Crash: An Interim Report," authored by Stan Gordon, MUFON's state director for Pennsylvania. The incident occurred a quarter century ago, during the early evening of Dec. 9, 1965. The incident was featured on the 1990 season premier of "Unsolved Mysteries"--when the show's producers are eager for good ratings. Gordon believes "that the government has the object in their (sic) hands, and that it was...an Alien Craft." Gordon notes that "a few Kecksburg residents were highly upset that the UFO incident was going to make national TV. This small group in fact sent a petition to NBC to try to block the airing of the program. The big question is why this group of people were so emotionally driven to try to cause doubt as to whether or not the incident occurred." (Emphasis added.)

IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW THE FACTS, read the article "Old-Solved Mysteries: The Kecksburg Incident" in the Spring 1991 issue of SKEPTICAL INQUIRER, authored by Robert R. Young--education chairman of the Astronomical Society of Harrisburg, Pa. The original 1965 "UFO" sighting report was triggered by a large meteor-fireball seen by thousands of persons shortly before 5 p.m. in states ranging from New York to as far west as Idaho. One of the intrinsic characteristics of meteor-fireballs is that they always seem much closer than they really are, and observers often report that they appeared to hit the ground just beyond the nearby horizon. Such impact estimates invariably are many hundreds of miles in error.

The group of <u>50</u> Kecksburg residents who wrote to protest the "Unsolved Mysteries" treatment included Ed Myers, Kecksburg fire-chief in 1965, whose involvement was portrayed inaccurately in the TV show and persons on whose property the bell-shaped object allegedly crashed. More details and documentation on the incident than in the SI article are available in a 14-page report available for \$3.00 from Young. His address: 329 South Front St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17104.

UFOLOGICAL PREDICTIONS: Jerry Clark, editor of CUFOS's IUR and former editor of FATE magazine, offers the following prediction in the March issue of FATE: "The next few years will also see shocking new revelations about official cover-ups of physical evidence concerning UFOs. Two new books on the Roswell incident and related matters will be published in 1991, one by Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle of CUFOS, the other by Stanton T. Friedman and Don Berliner.... Major media--not just the usual tabloid papers and television shows--willpick up the story and recount their own investigations, which will confirm the ufologists' findings." (Emphasis added.) IPJK comment: Would you care to make a small wager on that prediction, Jerry?]

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